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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly wish
3 to congratulate McHenry County Sheriff Keith Nygren on the
4 occasion of his retirement on November 30, 2014, after more
5 than 47 years of service in the law enforcement field; and

6 WHEREAS, Keith Nygren is a graduate of Northern Illinois
7 University and the FBI National Academy; and

8 WHEREAS, Keith Nygren began his career in DeKalb County in
9 1967; he left DeKalb County in 1971 and began a 26-year career
10 with the Crystal Lake Police Department, where he worked his
11 way up through the ranks and retired as Chief of Police in
12 1997; and

13 WHEREAS, Keith Nygren was appointed Sheriff of McHenry
14 County on April 15, 1997; he was then elected to be Sheriff of
15 McHenry County on November 3, 1998 and was sworn into office on
16 December 1, 1998; and

17 WHEREAS, The McHenry County Sheriff's Office serves a
18 population of approximately 300,000 people and the Department
19 maintains a state-of-the-art corrections facility; with a
20 budget of approximately \$35 million and a staff of more than
21 400 employees, the Sheriff's Office is committed to maintaining

1 optimum standards and providing the citizens of McHenry County
2 with a strong and well-prepared law enforcement agency; and

3 WHEREAS, During Keith Nygren's tenure as Sheriff in 2013,
4 his office attained the "Triple Crown" status by obtaining
5 simultaneous accreditation through the Commission on the
6 Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, the Commission on
7 Accreditation for Corrections of the American Correctional
8 Association's Commission, and the National Commission on
9 Correctional Healthcare; McHenry County is only the 3rd
10 Sheriff's Office in the State of Illinois to attain this
11 prestigious status; and

12 WHEREAS, Keith Nygren has served as McHenry County Sheriff
13 for more than 17 years and has vastly improved the Sheriff's
14 Office during his time in office; and

15 WHEREAS, Upon his retirement, Keith Nygren will have been
16 the longest-serving Sheriff in McHenry County history; and

17 WHEREAS, A celebration will be held in honor of Keith
18 Nygren's retirement on September 25, 2014; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we thank McHenry County Sheriff Keith Nygren for his many years

1 of service to the people of McHenry County and congratulate him
2 on this occasion of his retirement; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Sheriff Keith Nygren as an expression of our
5 congratulations and appreciation.